

Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)



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Administrator: Chaquita Brooks-LaSure

Department: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Maryland Employees: 3,600

History & Mission: The Medicare and Medicaid programs were signed into law on July 30, 1965. They were joined together into one agency in 1977. Medicaid staff were transferred from Washington to Baltimore to join Medicare staff, and integrated into a functionally aligned organization, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), in June 1979. HCFA moved to its current campus in 1995 and was renamed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on June 14, 2001.

The mission of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is to ensure effective, up-to-date health care coverage and to promote quality care for beneficiaries. CMS also administers the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) which was established to address the health care needs of uninsured children.

CMS is focused on achieving a transformed and modernized health care system through increased emphasis on responsiveness to beneficiaries and providers, and on improving the quality of care that Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries receive. CMS plays a key role in the overall direction of the health care system and has an unparalleled opportunity to improve care and to make it more affordable for everyone.

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